

Inside Your Third

The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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April Showers



Electric Department News

Electric Department to get return of tax overpayment.

One of the first duties of General Manager Victor Tenore upon his return to office was to reconcile the payroll account. The professional review turned up an overpayment of payroll taxes of nearly \$20,000.00. This overpayment was inadvertently made during Mr. Tenore's absence. Our General Manager has applied for a refund of the \$20,000.00. The commission expects to refill the coffers shortly.

Additionally, the District was fined over \$5,000.00 by the Internal Revenue Service for failing to properly deposit withholding taxes. The General Manager, using his accounting background and skills was successful in obtaining an abatement of the penalty and the money was returned to the District's treasury.

U.S. Congressmen back low cost electricity.

All of the Connecticut Congressmen recently signed a letter urging the continued practice of allowing low-cost power generated from federally licensed hydroelectric dams in New York State to be sold to neighboring states, like Connecticut. Congressmen from New York are trying to block these sales. CMEEC, our cooperative supplier, relies on this inexpensive electricity to keep our rates low. Congressional action is pending. Contact your Congressmen to tell them that you support their efforts to keep your rates low!



Get Your Arbor Day Poems In!
Win a chance to ride in the electric vehicle!

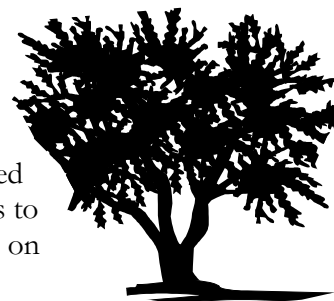
Upcoming Events

- April 2 Daylight Savings Time begins
- April 17 Tax Day!
- April 18 Deadline for Arbor Day Poems
- April 19 First Night of Passover
- April 21 Good Friday
- April 23 Easter Sunday
- April 28 Arbor Day
- May 15 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- May 29 Memorial Day

NEWSLETTER LOOKS FOR ARTICLES

By now, you have noticed that *Inside Your Third* is a different newsletter than you have received in the past. The intent of this newsletter is to keep ratepayers informed about their community electric company. It also has the goal of keeping you updated on what your community has to offer and what your neighbors have accomplished. We live in a community rich in accomplishment. This forum allows you to keep others up to date on goals achieved. Feel free to send in articles of any length. Tell your neighbors about your group, your friends or even about yourself. Address articles to the electric department. You can even include it in your bill. This is another service of your community electric company.

Mustard Seed Outreach After School Program



The Mustard Seed Outreach Program located at 30 Fort Point Street is seeking your help. Mustard Seed Outreach is a non-profit, community based youth center providing afterschool programs to local teenagers. The goal is to help teens in the Norwalk area find positive alternatives to just hanging out on the streets.

Mustard Seed Outreach provides numerous programs for our youth. Homework HELPS is a daily homework assistance program; Straight Up provides a safe and supervised place for teenagers to socialize with their friends; Kids For Kids provides opportunities for youth to participate in community service; Teen Nite holds monthly dances; Solid Rock Café is a christian based non-denominational dance/program held monthly. No teen is ever charged for any of the programs.

Mustard Seed Outreach is asking for help in providing daily snacks, refreshments and incentives for the teenagers that attend their programs. Additionally, they are in great need of volunteer support. This wonderful program gives adults, young and not so young, the opportunity to help provide the necessary guidance so many teenagers need to build healthy relationships.

You can contact the program director, Karen Bruchac, at 838-2883. Your generosity will be repaid tenfold from the satisfaction you will receive in helping guide our youth.

Census 2000

Did you receive your census questionnaire? Do you need help completing it? Do you, or someone you know have a language barrier that prevents the completion of the form? Do you have any questions concerning the census? Your East Norwalk Library is now open as a Questionnaire Assistance Center. In addition to acting as a hub for the census takers, a volunteer will be available to assist you with the form. If you have any question concerning the census, please feel free to contact a volunteer at your East Norwalk Library. Stand up and be counted!

Annual Meeting Report

Annual Meeting a success!

The Third Taxing District held its annual meeting March 1, 2000. As required by charter, the Commissioners gave notice of time & place for the meeting of the Electors. The Commission reported that the electric department is now up and running efficiently for the District. Personnel changes, equipment updates, public awareness and district beautification have been implemented since the last report to the Electors. Unfortunately, the District also reported a drastically smaller profit than in previous years due to excessive attorneys fees that were expended by the prior Commission. However, with the new Commission taking charge under the leadership of

Chairman Santella, the prospects for next year are brighter.

The East Norwalk Improvement Association presented its budget, which included exciting additions for the library. Our library is moving quickly into the new millennium. With increases in computer availability, bar coding of the books, expansion of the collection of books and greater public use, our library competes with the best. The Cemetery Association is swiftly moving toward making the East Norwalk Historical Cemetery into the centerpiece of the District. The implementation of Commissioner Feinstein's suggestion for new fencing is under way. The new wrought iron fence will be completed in time for the Memorial Day Parade.

East Norwalk Improvement Association

Daylight Savings Time

In addition to "Spring Ahead", the Improvement Association and its firehouse remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors save lives. It is important to keep fresh batteries in all detectors. The Improvement Association reminds you that the batteries should be changed when the clocks change. If you need any assistance with proper placement or use of smoke detectors, contact your local firehouse or building inspector.

Social Hall Rentals

If your group or organization needs a meeting place or party room, the Improvement

Association reminds you that the Eunice Van Zilen Room is available for rent. The spacious room has a kitchen and plenty of seating. It is also conveniently located with adequate parking. Your library is here for you.

Did You Know?

The East Norwalk Library accepts donations of books. Finished a good book lately? Taking up too much shelf space? Your library can find space for your overflow. This is the perfect way to share a book you enjoyed with your neighbors. Duplicate books are donated by the librarians to local hospitals, nursing homes and veteran organizations. Your good book can fulfill many great purposes!